

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS WITHOUT MARKINGS**

### **IN THE DRAWING:**

Figs. 1-4 have been amended.

## REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted preliminary to the issuance of an Office Action in the present application.

Applicant has canceled original claims 1-19 in favor of new claims 20-39 which are intended to present claims in proper form and language so as to eliminate any informalities, notwithstanding applicant's belief that the original claims would have been allowable as originally filed. Accordingly, applicant asserts that these amendments are cosmetic in nature and that no claims have been narrowed to trigger prosecution history estoppel. It is noted that claims 1 to 19 are part of the original International PCT Appl. No. PCT/DE2004/001970 and have been determined by the International Bureau as having novelty and inventiveness. Claim 39 has been added and is directed to a method for generating and supplying electric stimulation pulses to stimulate a muscle contraction of a muscular-driven heart assist system which operates in parallel or in series with a diseased heart

In addition, applicant has amended the specification to provide proper headings and to delete any reference to a claim number.

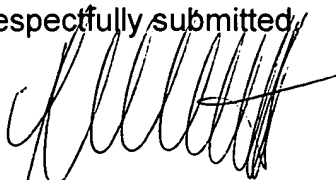
Moreover, applicant submits herewith amendments to Figs. 1-4 to label all boxes.

A substitute specification which includes all the foregoing changes to the specification (other than the claims) is enclosed herewith.

When the Examiner takes this application up for action, s/he is requested to take the foregoing into account.

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